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Memo to SAC

Re: SOBELL COMMITTEE
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The balance of this account as of 6/26/56 was \$1,049.06.

[REDACTED] on 7/30/56 made available the records for the month of July and the following information was noted as pertinent:

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<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank of Deposit or Payer</u>
699	6/26/56	JO GRANAT	60.00	JOSEPHINE C. GRANAT
697	6/26/56	SYLVIA SCHNEIDER	100.00	Manover Bank
704	6/27/56	FED JACOBS	250.00	SOBELL COMMITTEE, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California
706	6/29/56	Camp Woodland	47.00	Kingston Trust Company
(Camp for JACK SOBELL)				
742	7/24/56	CHARLES WEINSTEIN	20.00	Manufacturers Trust Company (20.00)

The balance of this account as of 7/27/56 was \$617.56.

It is to be noted that the above information is not to be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.


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SUBJECT Rosenberg/Schell Comm.

SERIAL 2154 DATE 8/10/52

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
(NCSJRC)

The NCSJRC maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Morton Sobell were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage

on behalf of the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and Morton Sobell to 30 years' imprisonment on the same date. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and Morton Sobell is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [REDACTED] that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the Rosenberg case and to fight for the release of Morton Sobell. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee. b7D

(T-1 - [REDACTED]) b7D

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2158A DATE 8/14/56

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE: 6/25/56

FROM: SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
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On 6/25/56 the following three and a half page handwritten report was received via U. S. mail by SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. The addendum, a one page handwritten report, was received via U. S. mail on 7/30/56. The originals are filed in [redacted]

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June 22, 1956

"I attended meeting of the SOBELL Committee last night in Forest Park. Attendance - I estimate between 40 to 50 people."

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(Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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- 100-7498 (CP - Education)
- 100-7954 (D.A.I.)
- 100-7221 (CP - Br-1st)
- 100-2107 (NAACP)

*Good by R/S from St Louis 8/17/56
for info*



"Mr. PERKINS opened the meeting about 7:30. Mrs. PERKINS then gave a report. She told about the SOBELL case. Also about her experiences at the Un-American hearing at which she testified. She told how she put in a few good words for MORTON SOBELL. Mr. PERKINS then introduced the principal speaker, CARL MARZANI.

"CARL MARZANI was a good speaker even though some of his statements turned my stomach. He stated the following: His main purpose was to secure subscriptions for the Liberty Book Club. He is touring all the major cities. His next stop is Chicago.

"He admitted he was a Communist. He served 32 months in a Federal prison. Once when in prison, when the regular instructor was indisposed, he taught American history. Told about three things needed on a revolution. Hungry people, good cause, organization and leaders.

"He stated that there never would be another depression in this country because a revolution would come first. The people, working mass, are now organized through unions. The American man is now out fishing but just wait until he gets laid off or a little hungry, then he is ready for a revolution. He said the time is coming. He advised everyone to get out and talk to people, get them thinking. He told about how the U. S. tried to get into war in Indo-China. Also how they tried to stop the peace. He praised the Russian leaders for their peace objectives. He said this country doesn't need a strong defense. All it needs is 5 hydrogen bombs. He said that they should make him President of the US and he could put the 40 billion dollars allowed to defense to good use. 5 billion for highway and etc.

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"He told how the colored people organization received him with open arms. I think the organization is the Advancement for Colored People. He said that they knew he was a Red but he had something they wanted. He praised the Advancement for Colored People's organization and said they were doing a wonderful job. Especially in Montgomery, Alabama. This organization is mushrooming and just starting to roll real good. What's happening in Montgomery is going to start happening all over the country.

"Somebody asked MARZANI what he thought about STALIN. He answered that STALIN did a lot of good but he also did a few wrong things.

"Mrs. PERKINS stated that Judge KAUFMAN turned down MORTON SOBELL's appeal for a new trial on May 8th. They will continue to fight to the Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

"This should cover everything I can remember. [REDACTED]

"July 28, 1956 b7D

"Supplementing my report covering the talk by CARL MARZANI in June in Forest Park.

"MARZANI mentioned the word 'revolution' many times. He didn't say that he was going to lead a revolution but he just said it was definitely coming. He stated that before there was another depression there would be a revolution. The people (working class) are now organized, and there would be a successful revolution. MARZANI went on to state that whenever he walks down a certain street in New York City, he looks up at the Empire State Building and has his office picked out. It will be his office after the revolution. That's about it. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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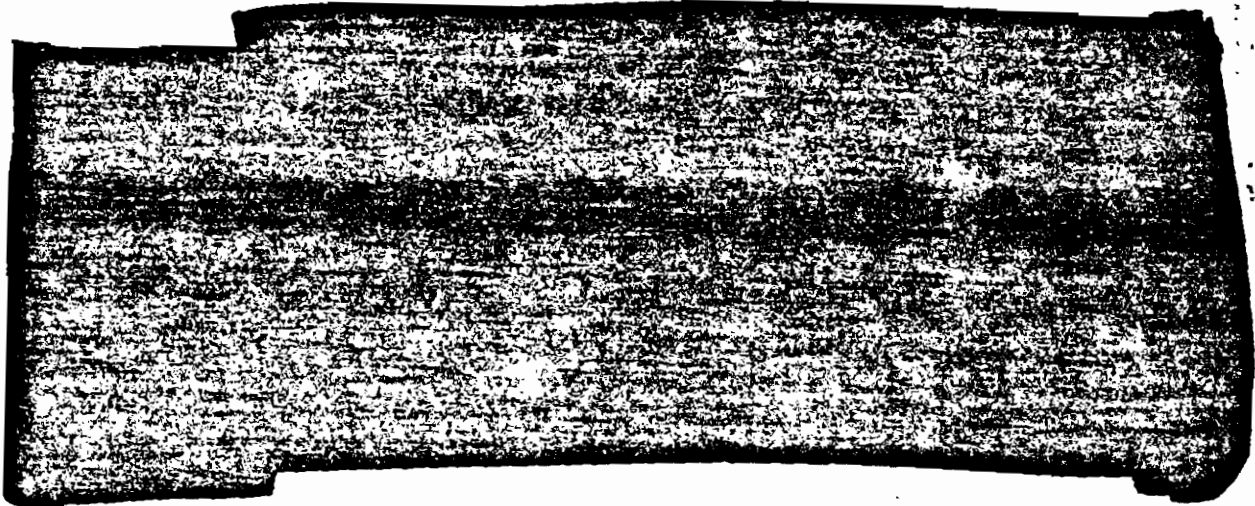
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August 21, 1956

Director, FBI (100-387335)

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ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Denver and Salt Lake City Offices should (1) promptly alert appropriate sources in their territory and (2) be alert to the possible establishment of events of this organization. Bureau should be promptly advised of all pertinent information developed in this regard.

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For the future guidance of St. Louis Office information of the type contained in reairtel should be brought to the attention of the New York Office inasmuch as that office is origin regarding National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

2cc SAC, Salt Lake City

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1 cc SAC, New York (Information)

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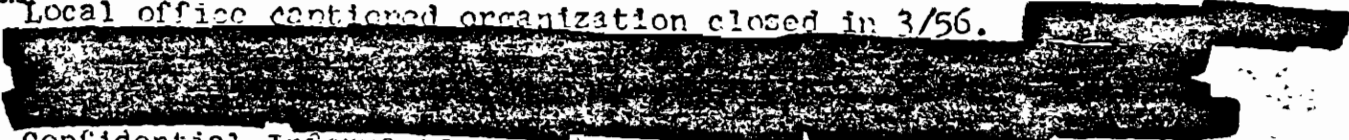
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE AUG 22 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/13-17/56
TITLE OF CASE PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka		REPORT MADE BY MARION B. HUMMEL	TYPED BY jag
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS: Local office captioned organization closed in 3/56. 

Confidential Informants report no known activity of committee subsequent to that date.

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DETAILS:

Inasmuch as the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case now uses the title Philadelphia Sobell Committee, it will be referred to under that title throughout this report.

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
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The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case will be referred to as NCSJRC.

BACKGROUND OF NCSJRC

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956 that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. [REDACTED] stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee. b7D

The Communist Party, USA, and its subsidiaries and affiliates, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 7, 1956, that the local office of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, Room 30, 922 Chestnut Street, was being closed [REDACTED] b7D

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 10, 1951, that as of that date JEAN D. FRANTJIS was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD). b7d

On May 4, 5, 1955.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN that he knew ARCHIE COLEMAN as a member of the CPEPD as of May 6, 1954. b7d

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on May 20, 1955

[REDACTED] knew ELGIN CURRY as a member of [REDACTED] CPEPD. b7d

On April 22, 1955, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that as of that date [REDACTED] knew JEROME MARSHALL to be active in a CP club of the CPEPD. b7d

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[REDACTED]

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On March 12, 1954, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mrs. MORRIS DeCAMP FREEMAN (SUSAN) was a member of the CPEP

[REDACTED]

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to the informant's knowledge, MORRIS DeCAMP FREEMAN was not a CP member

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Concerning HERBERT APTHEKER, [REDACTED] APTHEKER, who resided at 1015 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., appeared as a defense witness in the case of UNITED STATES vs. KUZMA, ET AL (conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940) in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He began his testimony on July 14, 1954, and ended on July 21, 1954. During the course of his testimony, APTHEKER testified that he was then, July 14, 1954, a member of the Communist Party and had been a member since 1939. He testified that he had taught Communist Party classes on a national school and New York state school level approximately five or six times since the end of World War II, and had devoted his life to the study of Marxism-Leninism. b7d

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on June 28, 1956 that, b7D as of June 23, 1956, SOL ROTENBERG was a member of the District Committee, CPEPD.

On September 11, 1953, JUDITH RAYMOND, Los Angeles, Calif., testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in executive session. In her testimony, which was subsequently released by the committee, Miss RAYMOND stated that she had been a member of the Communist Party from the late spring of 1945 until 1949. She testified that in January 1946 she was transferred within the Communist Party to a group composed mostly of writers and of which she was the Treasurer and Financial Director. One of the members of this group whom she identified as a Communist Party member was JOHN WEXLEY.

On the dates indicated, the following Confidential Informants all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted in regard to any activities or contemplated activities by the

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Philadelphia Sobell Committee. In each instance the informant stated that to his knowledge the Philadelphia Sobell Committee had engaged in no activities subsequent to April 20, 1956:



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MISCELLANEOUS

On October 31, 1955, ROSEANN B. TRUITT, 1102 South 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., testified before a Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Security Laws, of the Committee on the Judiciary at Washington, D.C. Mrs. TRUITT testified that she had been associated with several "front groups" in Philadelphia during the period April 1953 to June 1, 1955, for the benefit of the FBI. Among these groups Mrs. TRUITT mentioned the "Sobell Committee." She testified that JEAN FRANTJIS was the Head of the "Sobell Committee" in Philadelphia and at the time of its inception was connected with the Civil Rights Congress as Secretary. She testified that FRANTJIS used the mailing list of the Civil Rights Congress in sending out literature concerning SOBELL.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Administrative Details

Copies of this report are being designated for local intelligence agencies inasmuch as they have expressed an interest in this organization.

Inasmuch as information contained in this report reflects that captioned organization has apparently ceased to operate in the Philadelphia area and Confidential Informants, who have previously furnished information concerning this organization, report no activities or contemplated activity on the part of the organization, the case is being RUC'd. In the event any information is received indicating that the organization is being revived or an attempt is being made to revive it, the case will be placed in a pending status and the Bureau and Office of Origin advised.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols used where deemed necessary.

Informants

Identity of Source	Date of Activity a/o Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	Location
T-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		
T-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]	ELMER C. MULLEN (written)	[REDACTED] b7D
	[REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		
	[REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]	ELMER C. MULLEN (oral)	This report

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MARION B. HUMMEL (oral)

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JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

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[REDACTED]

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JEREMIAH W. DOYLE; WILLIAM F. McLAUGHLIN (oral)

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JEREMIAH W. DOYLE (oral)

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T-7 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	HAROLD M. RATCHFORD (oral)	Instant report
T-8 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OTIS L. BURTON; HILLARD D. THORPE (oral)	Instant report
T-9 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	HAROLD M. RATCHFORD (oral)	Instant report

Reference

Report of SA MARION B. HUMMEL dated 1/20/56, at Philadelphia.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : _____
FROM : SAC, Detroit (105-1549)
SUBJECT: "GLOS LUDOWY" (People's Voice)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: August 22, 1956

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory, Translation Unit

The _____ edition of the Polish language newspaper "Glos Ludowy" is enclosed for translation by the Bureau. The translations should follow suggestions previously furnished. Original newspaper should be returned to Detroit with the translations.

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The 6/20/56 issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page 16, Column _____, of the English section contained an article which contains information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.

A Photostat of the article is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

The attached is a summary of information translated from the _____ issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page _____, Column _____.

The information which pertains to individuals or organizations within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action deemed appropriate.

Translated by: Bureau Translator _____
Detroit Translator _____

On April 19, 1955, _____ who has furnished reliable information in the past (protect identity), advised that the "Glos Ludowy" is a Polish-English language weekly newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line. _____

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Sheridan AUG 23 1956
P.H. Sheridan



att to 101-107111-2166

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117) DATE: 8/22/56
 FROM: SA CLAIR I. PETERKIN, Jr.
 SUBJECT: BAY AREA SOBELL COMMITTEE
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[REDACTED] SOBELL COMMITTEE 8/2/56 SA CLAIR I. PETERKIN **[REDACTED]** b7D
 b7D LETTER TO PRESIDENT WITH PARTIAL LIST OF SIGNERS

[REDACTED] furnished SA CLAIR I. PETERKIN, Jr., on August 2, 1956 a Sobell Committee letter to President EISENHOWER on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED]

- ccs: 1 - Albany - ALL REG MAIL
 1 - Atlanta
 1 - Boston
 1 - Charlotte
 1 - Chicago
 1 - Detroit
 1 - Kansas City
 1 - Los Angeles
 1 - Minneapolis
 1 - New Haven
 1 - New Orleans
 1 - New York
 1 - Philadelphia
 1 - San Diego
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The following is a verbatim copy of referenced letter, as well as a copy of partial list of "signers" attached to said letter:

"Dear Mr. President:

"It is because we share your deep concern for the spiritual health of our nation and for the principles of justice upon which it is founded that we address ourselves to you concerning the case of Morton Sobell.

"Morton Sobell, now in his sixth year of imprisonment and confined in Alcatraz, is seeking a new trial to reverse his 30-year sentence on a charge of 'conspiracy to commit espionage.' Both he and his defenders maintain that he is innocent. Moreover, the trial record shows that the judge in passing sentence stated: 'The evidence in the case did not point to any activity on your (Morton Sobell's) part in connection with the atomic bomb project.'

"We do not press upon you, Mr. President, the question of Morton Sobell's

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"innocence or guilt--for we ourselves are not of one mind on that issue. Our faith in our democratic system of justice assures us that the truth will ultimately be established.

"We believe it is vital that our nation safeguard its security, but it is important that we do not permit this concern to lead us astray from our traditions of justice and humanity. In this light, we further believe that Morton Sobell's continued imprisonment does not serve our nation's interest or security.

"Therefore, most respectfully and earnestly, Mr. President, we look to you to exercise your executive authority either by asking the Attorney General to consent to a new trial for Morton Sobell or by the granting of Executive Pardon or Commutation. We take the liberty of urging your personal attention to this matter."

"THE FOLLOWING PROMINENT
PEOPLE SIGNED THE ATTACHED
APPEAL TO PRESIDENT
EISENHOWER ON BEHALF OF
MORTON SOBELL:

"Milnor Alexander of the American Friends Service Committee, Los Angeles, Cal.

"Dr. Roland H. Bainton, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

"Rev. William Baird, Essex Community Church, Chicago, Ill.

"Rev. Reginald H. Bass, Community Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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- "Helen Marston Beardley, Los Angeles, Cal.
- "Jessie F. Binford, Full House, Chicago, Ill.
- "Prof. David Blackwell, University of
California, Berkeley, Cal.
- "Prof. Derk Bodde, University of Pennsylvania,
Pa.
- "Prof. Murray Branch, Moorehouse College,
Atlanta, Ga.
- "Prof. Anton J. Carlson, University of
Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- "Rabbi Franklin Cohn, Los Angeles, Cal.
- "Elmer Davis, Commentator, Washington, D. C.
- "Frank C. Davis, psychologist, Beverly
Hills, Cal.
- "Dorothy Day, editor Catholic Worker, New
York, N.Y.
- "Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman, Temple Sinai,
New Orleans, La.
- "John F. Finerty, attorney in Sacco-
Vanzetti and Mooney-Billings cases,
New York, N.Y.
- "Waldo Frank, author, Truro, Mass.
- "J. Allan Frankel, attorney, Los Angeles,
Cal.
- "Rev. G. Shubert Frye, Synod of New York,
Syracuse, N.Y.
- "Maxwell Geismar, Literary Critic,
Harrison, N.Y.
- "Prof. Erwin R. Goodenough, Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.
- "Dr. Alice Hamilton, Hadlyme, Conn.
- "William Harrison, publisher and editor
Boston Chronicle, Mass.
- "Dr. Paul L. Lehmann, Director of Graduate
Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
- "Dr. Milton Lester, Beverly Hills, Cal.
- "Dr. Bernard N. Loomer, Divinity School
of the University of Chicago, Chicago,
Ill.
- "Daniel Marshall, attorney, Los Angeles,
Cal.

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- "Lewis Mumford, author, Amenia, N.Y.
- "Prof. Gardner Murphy, Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas
- "Judge Patrick H. O'Brien, Detroit, Mich.
- "Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize scientist, Pasadena, Cal.
- "Rev. Dreyden L. Phelps, Fellowship Church, Berkeley, Cal.
- "Dr. Irving W. Putnam, Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
- "Prof. Oscar E. Rice, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- "Prof. Malcolm Sharp, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Ill.
- "Margaret T. Simkin, Los Angeles, Cal.
- "Judge Edward P. Totten, Santa Ana, Cal.
- "Dr. Harold C. Urey, Scientist and Nobel Prize winner, Chicago, Ill.
- "Prof. Francis D. Wormuth, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- "Dr. Frank Weymouth, Los Angeles, Cal.

Note:

Affiliations are for identification only.

"** Partial list."

RECOMMENDATION Send copies to designated offices for their information.

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This book review by THOMAS H. ELIOT indicates Dr. HAROLD R. UREY, eminent nuclear scientist, wrote the foreword to this book and presents the belief that the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL were victims of injustice. This article asserts that a reader could not assess the validity of this belief by any reader without examining the thousands of pages of the record as well as alleged new evidence produced after the trial. Mr. ELIOT states Mr. SHARP performed this task, but inevitably he writes as an advocate rather than as a wholly impartial analyst.

The above described leaflet, which is indicated as being reprinted as a public service by The Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, New York City, is being made an exhibit in [REDACTED] b2

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7502)

August 27, 1956

SAC, WFO (100-22169)

ECUA ATTENTION: RECORDS SECTION

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York office two copies of ECUA publication entitled Trial by Treason, The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL.

- 4 - Bureau (61-7502) (Encl. 2)
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- 2 - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 1) (Rosenberg-Sobell) *RM*
(100-115609) (Encl. 1) (ECUA)
- 1 - WFO 100-25474 (Rosenberg-Sobell)
- 1 - WFO 100-22169

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 8/28/56

FROM : *JH* SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
IS - C; ISA of 1950

On 7/10/56, a trash cover maintained on the residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Md., made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON an envelope postmarked New York City, 3/16/56, and addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN. This envelope contained a mimeographed undated letter from HELEN L. SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) on letterhead, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." The letter is headed "Dear Friend" and exhorts the recipient to obtain signatures on a request for executive action for MORTON SOBELL. The letter points out that enclosed is a list of names of individuals who have agreed to ask for executive action for MORTON SOBELL.

3-New York (RM)

[REDACTED]

2-Boston (100-27290) (RM)

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4-Chicago (100-25530) (RM)

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2-Detroit (100-20938) (RM)

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2-Los Angeles (RM)

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2-New Haven (RM)

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2-San Diego (RM)

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

6/28/56

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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This list is as follows:

"List of persons who have agreed to ask for Executive Action for
MORTON SOBELL:

Dr. ROLAND H. BAINTON, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.
JESSIE F. BINFORD, Hull House, Chicago, Ill.
WALDO FRANK, Author, Truro, Mass.
Rabbi JULIAN B. FEIBELMAN, Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La.
JOHN F. FINERTY, Attorney in the Sacco-Vanzetti and TOM MOONEY
Cases, New York City
Rev. JOHN PAUL JONES, Union Presbyterian Church of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn,
N.Y.
Dr. BERNARD M. LOOMER, Divinity School at the University of Chicago,
Ill.
Judge PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, Detroit, Mich.
Prof. LINUS PAULING, Pasadena Institute of Technology, Nobel Prize
Winner, Pasadena, Calif.
EDWARD SHANKLIN, Regional Director United Packinghouse Workers,
CIO-AFL, New Orleans, La.
Prof. MALCOLM SHARP, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Ill.
Judge EDWARD P. TOTTEN, Santa Ana, Calif.
Affiliation are for identification only."

The above material is maintained WF 100-25474-1B3(10).

The above mentioned trash cover on 7/10/56, made available to
SA MORRISON, a mimeographed letter dated 4/16/56, on letterhead "Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, NY." This
letter is headed "Dear Friend," is from "DAVID ALMAN, for the committee" and
in part is as follows:

"A new person has joined the full time staff on April 9th.

He is HAVEN PERKINS, a former Rhodes Scholar and Presbyterian Minister,
who formerly taught at several theological schools.

"Mr. PERKINS and his wife have been very active with the St. Louis
Committee, where they reside.

"He will bring the case to Missouri and Southern and surrounding states.

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

8/28/56

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

"All of us are ^{very} pleased with Mr. PERKIN's acceptance of this responsibility, which has been under discussion for some time.

"As you probably know, he joins those who are giving their full time to the case in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York."

The above mentioned letter is maintained WF 100-25474-1B3 (4).

It is noted that [REDACTED] continue to protect identity: on [REDACTED] identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current CP member. [REDACTED] identified HELEN GUREWITZ (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the CP, [REDACTED]

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The above is being supplied for information. P.

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8/31/56

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka**

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE, AKA, IS-C, ISA OF 1950
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It is noted that the "Daily Worker" in its
edition of 2/14/55, page 8, cols. 1-2, described Dr.
HAROLD C. UREY as, "World famous nuclear physicist
and nobel prize winner, who fought courageously for
the ROSENBERGS--."

Regarding MALCOLM SHARP, a trash cover main-
tained on the residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340
Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Md., on 7/10/56, made
available to SA PAUL E. MURRISON a letter mailed NYC,
3/16/56, on stationery of "Committee to Secure Justice
for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York."
This letter states that Prof. MALCOLM SHARP, Univ. of
Chicago Law School, among others, had agreed to request
Executive action for MORTON SOBELL. This info maintained
WF 100-25474-1B3(10).

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continue to protect identity), who has supplied
reliable info in the past, advised on [REDACTED] that
MARCUS GOLDMAN and his wife, ELIZABETH GOLDMAN, were
strongly suspected by this source to be CP members.
Informant stated this suspicion is based on knowledge
that the GOLDMANS follow the CP line and speak as CP
members. Informant added that MARCUS GOLDMAN is known
to be one of the heaviest financial contributors to
the Communist movement in the NDC area.

[REDACTED] identified SYLVIA
BERNSTEIN as a current CP member. P*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4139)

SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (100-39175)

DATE: 8/31/56

AARON DAVID SCHNEIDER, Wa.
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OO: NEWARK

Reference is made to Newark letter to the Bureau dated 8/14/56 entitled COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE IN THE SOBELL CASE.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/17/56

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-3811)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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ReBulet to Legal Attache, Mexico City, 8/14/56.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN H. MILLER on August 29, 1956:

AT McALLEN, TEXAS

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] advised on August 28, 1956, that he has not heard of
any individual propogandizing among the Mexicans in
connection with MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] McAllen Police Department, b7D
[REDACTED] advised that he has received no information to the
effect that anyone has been discussing the SOBELL case
with the Mexicans in McAllen.

In view of the above information, together with
information contained in my letter to Bureau 9/4/56,
until such time as additional investigation is requested
in this Division concerning instant matter, this case is
considered RUC.

Information copy of this letter is being furnished
Houston, Cleveland, Dallas and New York Office as these
offices were furnished reference letter by Bureau.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL) (Inf.)
- 1 - Dallas (REGISTERED MAIL) (Inf.)
- 1 - Houston (REGISTERED MAIL) (Inf.)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (REGISTERED MAIL) (Inf.)
- 1 - San Antonio (100-3811)

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

9/19/56

SAC, Salt Lake City (100-9029)

ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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For the information of the St. Louis and New York City
Offices, on 8/1/56 [redacted] by written report furnished information
to SA DENMAR L. LARSON [redacted]

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The UCFCL, according to [redacted]

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is completely controlled and dominated by individuals
known to him as being members of the Communist Party of Utah.

[redacted]

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To date there has been no indication that HAVEN PERKINS,
St. Louis functionary of captioned organization, was contemplating a
trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, relative to organizing local committees
of the St. Louis Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell In The
Rosenberg Case. Informants have been alerted to the possibility of
such a visit and any developments will be immediately furnished to the
Bureau and interested offices.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New York (Info) (REGISTERED)
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9/20/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-4139)

AARON DAVID SCHNEIDER, wa.
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(OO:Newark)

Reurlet 8/31/56.

NYO is not requesting liaison investigation in Canada. It is felt that Newark should request liaison investigation in Canada under their case file on AARON DAVID SCHNEIDER and, upon receipt of this investigation, furnish the information to NY case file #(100-107111), captioned "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Sobell Case." RUC.

- 2 - Newark (100-39175) (RM)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-107111)(7-2)

DATE: 7/21/56

FROM : SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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CSNY 48-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 W. 26th Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, both of which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual CP members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Since February, 1953 space in the building has been occupied by SRT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Information received on 6/11/56 by SA FREDRICK K. DEANE & SA FRANCIS W. MILLER

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

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- () Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.
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IN THEIR MEMORY

FOR HIS FREEDOM

JUNE, 1953

"Always remember that we were innocent and could not wrong our conscience."

—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

JUNE, 1956

"... the prosecuting authorities knowingly, willfully and intentionally used false and perjurious testimony and evidence, made false representations to the Court, and suppressed evidence."

—From Morton Sobell's new legal appeal for freedom, filed in U. S. Federal Court, New York City.

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Presenting two photographs
expressing the deepening dedication to
freedom for Morton Sobell
and vindication of
Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.



June, 1956

Dear Friend:

I am a free man today for two reasons. First, I was innocent. Second, enough Americans cared about justice to work, search, investigate and pay for my freedom and that of Tom Mooney.

Morton Sobell will be free. He is innocent, and enough Americans care about decency to set him free.

A new motion is now in the courts. The motion charges that the prosecution knowingly used perjured testimony. It asks that Sobell be freed or given a new trial. It's a good motion and it can win.

You remember Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. There was a lot of feeling against their execution three years ago this time. Just a little more might have saved them. A little more can free Sobell.

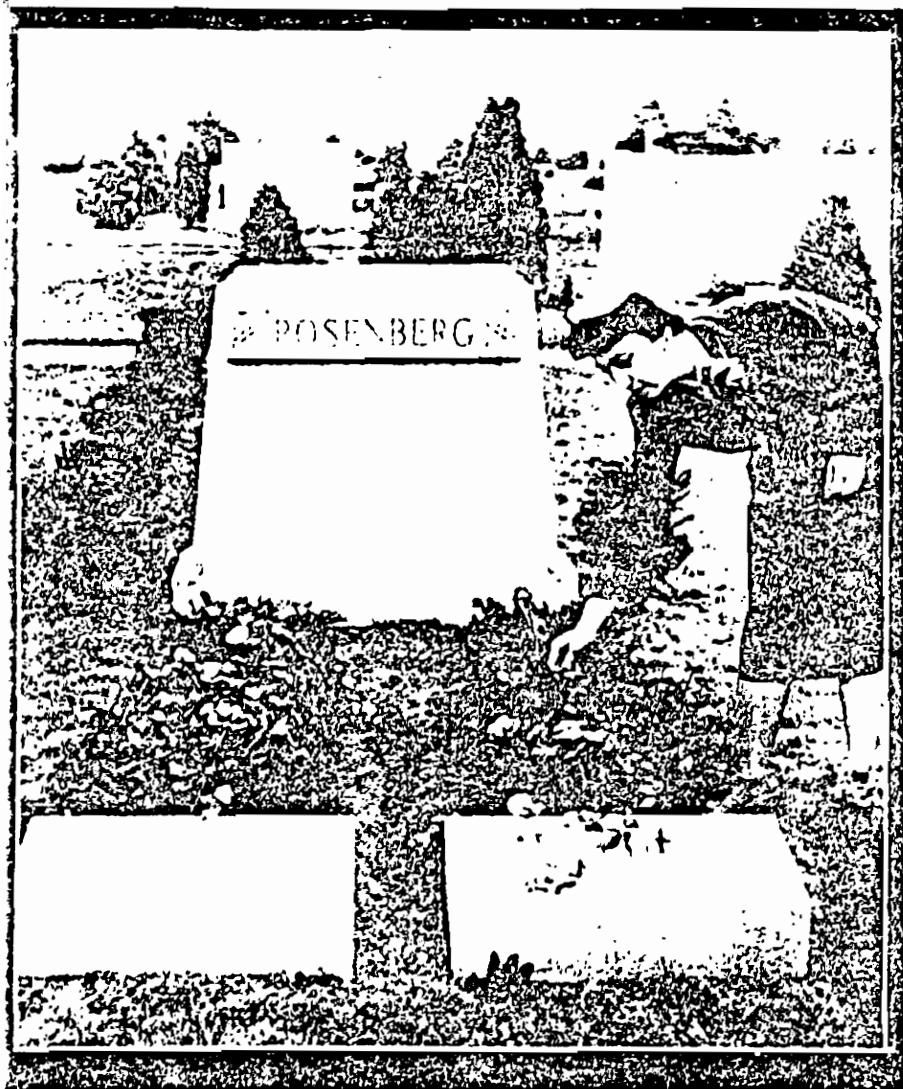
Your contribution can go a long way toward helping win that freedom. In the coming months scores of thousands of dollars will be needed to pay for investigation, legal work, and public education.

As a man freed from the nightmare of prison, I ask you to give as generously as you can--for Morton Sobell, for yourself, for our country. Checks may be made payable to Mrs. Morton Sobell or to the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Warren K. Billings

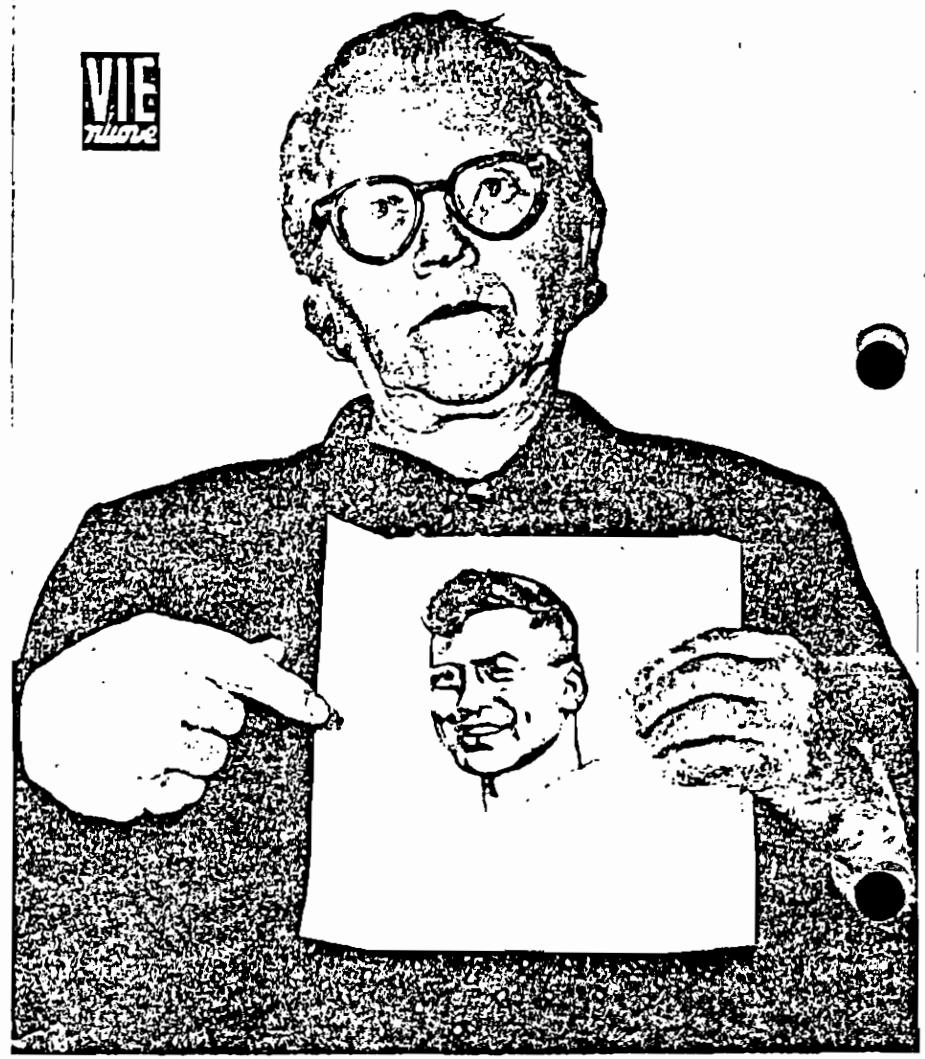
Warren K. Billings



Mrs. Rose Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, places roses on the graves of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg at Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island.

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Una madre è giunta in Italia e ha chiesto la nostra solidarietà per un figlio, Morton Sobell, imprigionato in tutti i paesi d'Europa in un pellegrinaggio che è seguito con commossa solidarietà da tutti gli uomini che credono nella verità. Nel frattempo alcune commoventi lettere pervengono al filmato. **Bartrand Russell** ha scritto: « Il Rosenberg non muore e ormai non si può fare più nulla per loro se non gettare il debito oneroso sui loro propositi ». **Sobell** pare, è ancora vivo e non a tempo tardi per chiedere al governo degli Stati Uniti di ripensare nei suoi riguardi. **Morton Sobell** come è noto, come esposto nel **Wassermann** portato negli Stati Uniti, è accusato di spionaggio da un testimone che era già nelle mani del FBI e che solo in questo modo poteva salvare **Bartrand Russell** così conclude il suo appello: « È deplorabile che si faccia qualcosa per neutralizzare l'Fbi. Un primo passo potrebbe essere rappresentato dalla liberazione di Morton Sobell ».


Mrs. Rose Sobell, Morton Sobell's mother, asks freedom for her son. This full-page picture, published in the magazine Vie Nuove, Rome, Italy, was taken during the Sobell trial at Fort Monmouth, helping aid in establishing the truth.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Mr. ROBERT W. STARNES, Assistant Regional Director, AFL-CIO, 1919 St. Claude Avenue, advised on July 16, 1956, that he knows EDWARD SHANKLIN to be the International Representative of the United Packinghouse Workers, AFL-CIO, at the American Sugar Refinery, Chalmette, Louisiana. Mr. STARNES stated that he does not consider himself personally acquainted with SHANKLIN, that he has very little contact with that particular union.



In meetings between management and the union, Mr. ALLEE has had occasion to be in contact frequently with SHANKLIN. He described SHANKLIN as being very active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;



Mr. ALLEE stated he has confined his activities to what might be described as legitimate labor union activities.

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T-1 advised on August 9, 1956, that no other indication of activity locally by or in behalf of subject committee had come to his attention.

Confidential Informants New Orleans T-2 and T-3, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are cognizant of some Communist Party activities in the New Orleans area, advised on September 14, 1956, that no information had come to their attention to indicate there has been any activity locally by or in behalf of subject organization.

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The NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. 2182

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The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years' imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED] advised in January 1952 that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

Confidential Informant New Orleans T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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The Communist Party - USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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8 51 5 T-1 [REDACTED]	Information re SHANKLIN	(o) SA Milton R. Kaack and SA Paul G. Taylor	100-14871-90
12 T-2 [REDACTED]	No information re subject committee	(o) SA Ernest C. Wall, Jr., and SA Paul G. Taylor	Instant report
12 T-3 [REDACTED]	No information re subject committee	(o) SA Wall and SA Taylor	Instant report
12 T-4 [REDACTED]	Documentation re subject committee		

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR, New Orleans, 6-29-56.

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9/24/56

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-287835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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It is noted that the "Daily Worker" in its edition of 8/23/56, contained an article, page 6, cols. 3-5, titled "A lawyer's calm but devastating study of ROSENBERG-SOVELL Case," which article identifies Prof. MACMILLAN as the author of the book, "Was Justice Done? The ROSENBERG - SOVELL Case." The article states this book was published by the Monthly Review Press, 66 Marrow St., NYC, and is sold for \$3.50 per copy. The article states the book contains an introduction by Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, the Atomic physicist.

It is noted that [REDACTED] (continued to protect identity), who was a reliable source in the past, advised on [REDACTED] that ELIZABETH SOVELL was suspected by this source to be a CP member. Informant stated this suspicion is based on knowledge that SOVELL follows the CP line and speaks as a CP member. [REDACTED] identified SYLVIA BEINSTEIN as a current CP member.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Sac, New York (100-107111)

DATE: 9-25-56

FROM : SA Patrick J. Stokes (12-8)

SUBJECT: National Committee to
Save Morton Sobell
IS:C

On 7-24-56, [REDACTED] 30 Charlton
Street, NYC, was contacted by SA Patrick J. Stokes. [REDACTED] advised
that Mrs. Morton Sobell had leased an apartment at that address on
12-1-55.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/25/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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[REDACTED] Air France,
683 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised on 9/20/56 that his
company has one flight daily between Mexico City and New York
City, leaving Mexico City at 8:00 A.M. and arriving New York
City at 5:35 P.M.

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York
were made available by [REDACTED] to Special Employee DONALD C.
STRELETZKY on 9/21/56 at which time they failed to reflect any
information concerning DONALD VINING. b7d

A review of current issues of the telephone directories
for Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Staten Island (Richmond),
Westchester, and Nassau failed to reflect any listing for
DONALD VINING.

The indices of the NYO fail to reflect any information
identifiable with DONALD VINING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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On 9/25/56, [redacted] and [redacted] who have furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA RAYMOND L. O'KIELLY concerning a "coffee and", held at the residence of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHERD, 8321 Takoma Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, during the evening of 9/22/56.

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In her speech MISS GOLDMAN was especially enthused over the presence of so many "new" people at this NYC dinner, which showed that the Sobell Committee is making progress in its fight to free HORTON SOBELL. GOLDMAN said there were three DAR women at this Dinner and said she was very surprised to see them. During the meeting on 9/22/56 several persons spoke out against these DAR women and said they were "merely snooping". However, GOLDMAN was of the opinion that these women were genuinely interested. GOLDMAN stated that the SOBELL Committee has already raised \$87,000 for the Sobell care and that most of it was raised by Washington, D. C. area people. The Sobell Committee plans to "push" the sale of Sharp's book "Was Justice Done?" Informants advised that 9/22/56 meeting was held for purpose of obtaining the opinion of those present as to the desirability of establishing a Sobell Committee Office in the District of Columbia area.

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835)
- 2 - New York (100-107111)
- 2 - Chicago (100-25530)
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According to informants, it appeared that this issue had been previously decided and that this meeting was called to convince those persons who didn't see the need for a local office. ETHEL WEICHBROD convinced several persons who opposed setting up an office here. It was estimated that it would cost \$500 a month to have the office here. No place was mentioned nor any details on who or in what manner the office would be run. Contributions were asked from those present and final amount collected not announced. Washington-Sobell Committee to send out literature every month describing the progress accomplished. Those persons receiving this literature must pledge to donate money each month. It was stated that no pledge meant no literature. Pledges ranged from \$1.00 to \$10 per person. Nothing said as to where this money is to be sent or who will handle pledges. Approximately 50 copies of book "Was Justice Done" sold during meeting.

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Regarding MALCOLM SHARP, a trad: cover maintained on a residence at 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, on 7/10/56, made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON a letter mailed NYC, 3/16/56, on stationery of "Committee to Secure Justice for HORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." This letter states that Professor MALCOLM SHARP, University of Chicago Law School, among others, had agreed to request Executive Action for HORTON SOBELL. This info maintained WFO 100-25474-183 (10).

[REDACTED] continue to protect identity, who has supplied reliable information in the past, advised on [REDACTED] that RICHARD GOLDMAN and her husband MARCUS GOLDMAN were strongly suspected by this source to be CP members. Informant stated this suspicion is based on knowledge that the GOLDMANS follow the CP line and speak as CP members.

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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] advised that during [REDACTED] JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD had admitted [REDACTED] that they were current CP members. Information orally furnished by informant will be

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will be incorporated into signed statements and filed in
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 9/26/56

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

On 8/29/56, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 51 Beaver
St., NYC, made available to the writer on a confidential
basis the bank records concerning the above captioned
account. A review of the records for the month of
August, 1956, reflected the following items considered
pertinent:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit or Endorser
744	8/3/56	MARION GRUNDER	\$175.00	Manufacturers Trust Co. (July rent)
765	8/20/56	The Nation	125.00	Amalgamated Bank
749	8/14/56	Cash	180.00	LEAH SCHNEIDER

The balance of the account as of 8/30/56, was
\$297.52.

It is to be noted that the information received
from this source cannot be made public without the usual
proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena. It is
pointed out that this source no longer has custody of
the basic or original document from which this information
was obtained.

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SAC, Dallas

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OO - New York

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A review of Dallas office indices and files concerning DONALD ROTHENBERG reflects no information pertinent to the allegation that ROTHENBERG has been propogandizing among Mexican colonies in Dallas, Houston and McAllen, Texas, concerning MORTON SOBELL. There is no indication ROTHENBERG has been in the Dallas office territory except on one occasion in December 1954.

[REDACTED] At that time, he was reported travelling about the country organizing local chapters of the NCSJMS.

[REDACTED] The above information pertaining to ROTHENBERG's presence in Dallas on that one occasion has previously been reported.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-387835)(RM)
- ① - New York (100-107111)(RM)
- 1 - Dallas (65-1897)
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Shirley A. Shirley

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: October 1, 1956

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Washington Field Office airtel dated September 25, 1956, in captioned matter, setting forth information concerning a meeting held at the residence of Joseph and Ethel Weichbrod, 8321 Takona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, during the evening of September 22, 1956, at which Elizabeth Goldman stated that the Sobell Committee has already raised \$87,000 for the Sobell case and that most of it was raised by Washington, D. C., area people.

The New York and Washington Field Offices are instructed to intensify their investigations concerning captioned organization and its activities. These investigations should particularly determine the accuracy concerning the afore-mentioned \$87,000 figure together with the sources and disposition of it.

In this connection the Washington Field Office is instructed to locate the bank in which the Washington Sobell Committee maintains its bank account and review the activity in this account for whatever information is available concerning the sources and the disposition of the funds collected by that committee.

The Bureau advised of all pertinent information.

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The New York Office is instructed to do likewise concerning the bank account concerning captioned organization.

It is imperative that the activities of the captioned organization be followed closely and the Bureau be advised promptly of all pertinent developments.

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TO : SAC, NY (100-107111)

DATE: 10/4/56

FROM : HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS-C

The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of August 28, 1956, on page 4, columns 1-2:

Look Who's Talking About Anti-Semitism...

The "Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities" is now trying to undermine the people's movement to obtain justice for Morton Sobell. Undoubtedly, this is the immediate aim of the 137-page "report" issued by this Committee recently. This step was taken at a time when ever increasing numbers of people are becoming convinced that a crying injustice was committed against this young Jewish scientist and that they dare no longer keep him in the hellish Alcatraz Prison, where he was sentenced for thirty years at the same time that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death.

This "report", which represents poisonous incitement against the "National Committee To Secure Justice For the Rosenbergs and Sobell", would be a very small sensation by itself. But there is a particular "charm" to this whole intrigue. This Congressional Committee would like to show that the movement for the Rosenbergs and Sobell was particularly interested in - inciting anti-semitism!

To this we can only say: just look who's talking. Congressman Francis Walter, chairman of this Congressional Committee, is not only a died-in-the-wool racist, but definitely and patently, an anti-semite. Congressman Walter's particular accomplishment is the fact that he is the co-author of the racist Walter-McCarran Act against immigrants. When this Law was still a bill and the country was up in arms against such villification, Walter said, from the rostrum in Congress, that the protest movement is the work of "professional Jews who are shedding crocodile tears..."

So who is spreading anti-semitism?

Congressman Walter and his Committee want to make black appear white. It is to be hoped that this maneuver will not succeed.

Translator: [REDACTED] INTERPRETER *b7c*

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-2)

DATE: OCT 17 1956

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO

SUBJECT: THE SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On 10/1/56. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 49 Fulton Street, NYC, made available to SA JOHN P. THOMAS bank records and cancelled checks for the above-captioned account. A review of the records for the month of September, 1956, reflected the following items considered pertinent"

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/Cr Endorser
605	9/21/56	Hotel Roosevelt Corporation	\$125.58	(re Thorpe Dinner)
605	9/21/56	Hotel Roosevelt Corporation	\$45.27	(Hotel room THORPE, UREY, ALMAN)
694	9/13/56	ROCKWELL KENT	\$25.00	
730	9/17/56	MARTIN SCHLIMME	\$100.00	
779	9/29/56	Camp Woodland	\$50.00	(re MARK SOBELL)
779	9/5/56	HAVEN PERKINS	\$79.20	Federal Savings and Loan Association, St. Louis, Missouri
790	9/11/56	CHARLES KATZSTEIN	\$22.50	Illegible
790	9/13/56	DR. HAROLD C. UREY	\$125.00	
791	9/13/56	MARION GRUNDER	\$350.00	(Office rent August and September, 1956.)

1 - Albany [REDACTED] b7C

1 - St. Louis [REDACTED]

1 - New York [REDACTED]

1 - New York (100-109300) (Camp Woodland) (7-2)

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Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit And/Or Endorser
757	8/18/50	JOSEPHINE COLLIER GRANAT	\$50.00	(Salary)
784	9/10/50	AARON SCHNEIDER	\$100.10	(Salary, Lakewood Trust Company, Lakewood, N.J.)
799	9/17/50	The Nation	\$22.26	Amalgamated Bank (Advertising)
804	9/19/50	DONNER, KINROY, PERLIN	\$1000.00	
766	9/10/50	HAVEN PERKINS	\$54.50	(HAVEN P. PERKINS, 3715 La Salle, St. Louis, Missouri)

The balance of the account as of 9/30/50 was \$1545.01.

The above information is not to be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

It is pointed out that the above source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the above information was obtained.

Director, FBI (100-367635)

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SAC, Charlotte (100-8141)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO: New York)

Re Charlotte letter to Director, 8/16/56, and Bureau letter
to Charlotte, 8/30/56.

The following informants in Durham, N. C., are familiar with
the activities of Communist Party members and reported during
August and September of 1956 they have no information indicat-
ing activity in that area on the part of the captioned
organization. All informants have furnished reliable
information in the past: T-1, T-2, and T-3.

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Director, FBI

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Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Identity of Informant	Date and or Type of Activity	Date Received	By Whom	Location
T-1 is [redacted] b1	no activity Rosenberg Case	6/31/56	SA RUFUS H. POWELL, orally	[redacted] b7D
T-2 is [redacted] b1	no activity Rosenberg Case	9/14/56	SA RUFUS H. POWELL orally	[redacted] b7D
T-3 is [redacted] b1	No activity Rosenberg Case	9/14/56	SA RUFUS H. POWELL orally	[redacted] b7D
T-4 is [redacted] b2	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA CARMON J. STUART	[redacted] b2
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SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

10/11/56

SA CLARK S. SMITH

*St. Louis Comm to Sec
Justice re Rosenberg Case
100-107111-3487
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ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a one page typewritten report dated 9/6/56 which was received through the mail on 9/20/56. This report is being filed in [redacted] and is quoted as follows:

"Sept 6, 1956.

"At the Sobell Meeting, July 12, 1956, at the Kingsway Hotel, room 103, there were around 30 people.

[redacted]

Mrs. SOBELL addressed the meeting and told what was being done throughout the country to help MORTON SOBELL. She seemed quite optimistic, even if the court hurdle was unsuccessful. Judge KOFFMAN was the judge and, as he did not disqualify himself, they felt that this was the only verdict he could render.

She had been addressing meetings all over the country and just a few days before, had addressed a meeting in Kansas City. HAVEN PERKINS was still in Kansas City.

"After the meeting, people lingered on for a while and visited. The St. Louis Sobell Committee was very disappointed at the sparseness of the audience, as they expected a large audience for this event.

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*read paper for
St. Louis for info 10/11/56*

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 15, 1956

SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-9380)

SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE aka
Morton Sobell Defense Committee,
Sobell Defense Committee
San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Retinal Comm to aid Morton Sobell

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T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 4, 1956, the SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE (SDSC) aka Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union in 1951.

[REDACTED]
Only known officers are Secretary and Treasurer:
[REDACTED]

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T-1 is [REDACTED]

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Careful consideration has been given to source concealed.
[REDACTED]

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Efforts are being made to determine if the organization has a president or other officers. Also, informants have been alerted to determine if SDSC is branch of Los Angeles Sobell Committee or chapter of National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-9380)

Re: SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

REF: SAC RUSSELL P. CURTIS 10/15/56 AT SAN DIEGO. PAGE TWO
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[REDACTED] PAGE 62
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2207	10-15-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
2208	1-9-57	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
2209	10-15-56	ROUTING SLIP W/ATT	6	-	REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY
2210	10-23-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
2211	10-23-56	CG REPORT	19	-	BU FILE # 65-58286
2212	10-25-56	NH LETTER TO NY	1	0	
2213	10-29-56	SA MEMO TO SAC ^{W/} ATT	8	0	
2214	10-30-56	NH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
2214	10-30-56	NH LETTER TO NY (COPY)	1	1	DUPE
2215	10-31-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	5	5	
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2218	11-5-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	Prohibit F-1268 NY FILE # 100-39158
2218A	11-5-56	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0	
2219	11-6-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0	
2220	11-7-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
2221	11-8-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
2222	11-8-56	SD LETTER TO HQ	2	2	Prohibit F-1268 NY FILE # 100-39158
2223	11-9-56	SU LETTER TO HQ	3	0	
2224	11-13-56	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
2225	11-13-56	NH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
2226	11-14-56	DN AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
2226A	1-4-57	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
2227	11-19-56	SD AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	

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2230A	11-21-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	Procut F1268 NY FILE # 100-37158
2231	11-23-56	PH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
2232	11-23-56	SU AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
2233	11-26-56	NK SA MEMO TO SAC	5	0	
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2235	11-27-56	HQ AIRTEL TO NY	1	1	
2236	11-28-56	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	1	—	NY FILE # 100-37158
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2241	11-30-56	PG LETTER TO NK	4	4	
2242	11-30-56	SF REPORT W/ATT.	43	-	BU FILE # 65-58236
2243	12-3-56	SU SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
2243A	12-3-56	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE: OCT 15 1956

FROM: SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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[REDACTED] received
by mail 9/11/56 by the writer from [REDACTED] who has fur-
nished reliable information in the past:

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"MEETING OF THE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Shirley

"TIME: 8 P.M.
"PLACE: 3715 LaSalle - PERKIN's Home
"Date: September 6, 1956

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"Present at the meeting were:

[REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED]

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100-7914 (S.L.C.L.C.)

[REDACTED]

100-7954 (CP, D.A.I.)

2 - Chicago (1 - 100- NCSJRC, aka,
1 - 100- (Info) (R.M.)

*see memo for info
10/17/56
St. Louis*

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"The Agenda was short and sweet. The financial report stated that the Committee [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A conversation was taken up during the meeting [REDACTED]

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"CLARA MAE PERKINS gave this financial report and also stated that several copies of Malcolm P. Sharp's new book WAS JUSTICE DONE? had been sold. This book is marked \$3.50 but to members of the Committee is price is \$2.50. [REDACTED] CLARA MAE stated that during the summer the National Office had been rather inactive. However, she passed around a long printed sheet taken from the MOUNT DORA TOPIC=MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA dealing with the Rosenberg case. The staff of the paper was listed as PAUL and MABLE REESE. The paper was printed by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. HAVEN PERKINS gave a report on activity here in St. Louis. He has not done much but said that unless the National Office has money to pay him he will have to go to work in three weeks. He then outlined plans for the future. The main objective is to have some organization bring Malcolm P. Sharp here from Chicago for a speech. The ACLU is the target. VIC HARRIS, Atty. and a man named V. PACKMAN Atty. are the ones to be contacted - also ELMER PRICE. The stumbling block in the ACLU is a man named LEVIN who was formerly attorney for UE.

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"LEONARD WALKER stated that he is a member of ACLU and has another matter to bring before this body so it was agreed not to mention this Sharp deal until later. LEONARD WALKER stated that he intends to contact about 75 personal friends all over the world to ask for funds for the Sobell Committee. He said that he had done this in other matters and had received some nice donations. HAVEN thought this a good idea.

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"A bunch of books on a stand were brought out. These had been donated by the HEFFNERS about a month ago, They are for sale and the purchaser sets his own price. Others offered to donate books. It was suggested that these books be taken to other meetings and sold.

"CLARA MAE then announced the sad news that OLIVE and ROGERS HEFFNER are moving to Arizona. We are to have a farewell party on the 15th of September at the PERKINS' house. Supper will be served and sold. CLARA MAE said that it would have to be a sandwich supper as LAURA MILLER has moved to Illinois and we do not have a good cook.

Two things will take place at the party for the HEFFNERS--A review of Malcolm P. Short's book WAS JUSTICE DONE? and a record that belongs to LEONARD WALKER. HAVEN PERKINS has heard the record and announced that in parts it is rather risky but good. The meeting adjourned a little before 10 P.M. 870

"DOUG McLEOD will be asked to review the book but HAVEN is not certain that he will. He is now in the process of reading the masterpiece.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 10/30/56

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-16408)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

OO: New York

On 10/23/56 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made the following items available to SA LLOYD S. GOODROW. Original information appears in New Haven file [redacted]

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see 10745

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118525)(#7-2) DATE: 10/31/56

FROM : SA JAMES P. HALLERON, #7-4

SUBJECT: BRONX COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM
OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
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Date of Activity [REDACTED]

Date Received 9/26/56

Received By SA JAMES P. HALLERON

Location [REDACTED] b7D

The information contained in this report should not be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is paraphrased.

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[REDACTED] Informant's report refers to a leaflet, which was distributed at above meeting, setting forth the names of the speakers who will speak at a Civil Rights meeting to be held 10/19/56. b7D

This leaflet will be placed in 1A serial of instant file by separate memo. [REDACTED]

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New York

Report

Bronx Committee for
Freedom of Political
Prisoners Activities.

A meeting of the Bronx Committee for Freedom of
Political Prisoners was held [REDACTED] 670

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[REDACTED] The meeting was chaired by Al
Naidich . The meeting started with a report by Bella Altshuler
on the meeting "on Civil rights" which will be under the auspices
of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and will be held at
Hunt's Point Palace in the Bronx, N.Y. on October 19th, 1956. 670

Bella reported that "the people of the E.C.L.C. agreed
to run this meeting (of Oct. 19th) under their name but they
asked us (the B.C. for F of P.P.) to give them \$400 in advance -
a guarantee of no matter what will happen to the meeting their
comm. wouldn't loose any money." Bella said that she gave the
E.C.L.C. \$100 and promised to have the rest of the money not
later than on Sept. 21st. She further reported: The E.C.L.C.
put other conditions to: "They will run the whole thing. We
are not allowed to advertise this meeting until their press
releases will appear in the papers." The releases will be sent
out to every newspaper in N.Y. The E.C.L.C. will put an ad in
the "National Guardian" but will not advertise in "our press" -
the Daily Worker and the Morning Freiheit.

The E.C.L.C. will also invite speakers for the
meeting. "When I suggested," Bella reported, "To invite some
of our speakers, George (Charney) or Pop (Mindel) or someone
else of our people the E.C.L.C. rejected my suggestion. They
claim that they would be glad to have our people on the
speakers platform but that some of the speakers who agreed to
speak at the Oct. 19th meeting warned in advance that they
will not speak if communists will also speak from the same

platform." She said that Paul Robeson "wanted to be one of the speakers. He was very anxious to speak at this meeting but the E.C.L.C. crowd rejected him and Ben Davis was also rejected and for the same reason. We agreed on their terms because we want to have this meeting and some people (C.P.) insisted that this meeting should be run by a non-communist organization - it will be more effective."

Bella Altshuler asked the meeting to raise at this meeting \$300 - "donations and loans" which she will immediately turn over to the E.C.L.C.

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During the discussions about the meeting of October 19th it was brought out the point that "we must see to it that this meeting goes over big. A failure will mean a defeat for our cause; for the cause of Civil liberties in our country"- said Bellit.

It was decided to contact every progressive mass organization in the Bronx and the leaders of these organizations for the purpose of "mobilizing their members for the meeting of Oct. 19th. Among the organizations to be contacted are: Emma Lazarus Women's Federation Clubs, to contact Esther Poyeroff; Jewish Culture and Aid Societies, to contact Gdalia Sandler; Bronx Womens Forum, to contact Beatrice Hellman. Also to get in touch with Doctor and Mrs. Nat Fink - Mrs. Fink has connections with different groups including the Tenements League and the Morton Sobell Committee. Doctor Fink is connected with professional groups.

Everyone present at this meeting was instructed to speak about the Oct. 19th meeting at the meeting of their local organizations and clubs and to sell there tickets. "Those who are in a position to do so" should contact their section organizers (C.P.) asking them to push the sale of the tickets for the Oct. 19th meeting in the clubs.


Sam Nesin told the meeting that "a county organization (C.P.) undertook to sell 400 tickets - this is a sure thing. These tickets will be sold."

135 tickets for the Oct. 19th meeting were taken by those who were present at this meeting to sell among their friends and local organizations.

The B.C. for F. of P.P. printed a temporary leaflet on the meeting of Oct. 19th which was given out to all present for distribution. (sample enclosed)

After the chairman of the meeting read the leaflet which contains the names of the speakers: Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, Ring Lardner, Jr., Louise Gilbert and Conrad Lynn, Rose Weinstock suggested: "We are not allowed to publicize the Oct. 19th meeting until after the E.C.L.C. will have released their press releases but we can get in touch with the Daily Worker and the Morning Freiheit, give them copies of this leaflet and based on this leaflet they could ask the E.C.L.C. for an interview, publish this interview and in this way our press will be able to publicize the Oct. 19th meeting without waiting."

This suggestion was approved by the meeting and Rose and Bella were assigned to contact the Daily Worker and the Morning Freiheit and give to them the above mentioned leaflet and tell them of the suggestion made by Rose Weinstock.

 A new executive committee was suppose to be elected at this meeting but because of the late hour it was decided to postpone this until a latter meeting of the B.C. for F. of P.P. but it was decided to elect a secretary-corresp.-protocol. The meeting elected to this post Al Naidich 070

The meeting at the suggestion of Belh Altshuler decided to help in the work of the Pittsburgh Self Defense Committee. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Oct. 1st, 1956 at the same place.

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TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.		REPORT MADE BY PETER A. PASTILONG	TYPED BY FAB
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS:

Informants and sources reported: Activities of Baltimore Sobell Committee consisted of one meeting held 5/19/56 and circulation of letters soliciting funds and personal pleas to have MORTON SOBELL released from prison. Local mailing address of Committee discontinued as of March, 1956. Informants have no knowledge of current existence of local Committee in Baltimore. JULIA SAMUELS, previously identified as CP member, reported to have held position of Chairman, Baltimore Sobell Committee.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Subject organization will be referred to as CSJ throughout this report in the interest of brevity.

All informants cited in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. Origin and Scope

During 1956 Confidential Informants [REDACTED] furnished literature distributed in the Baltimore area which reflects that the CSJ and its local affiliate used the following names in publicizing the Rosenberg-Sobell case on behalf of MORTON SOBELL: 870

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
The Baltimore Sobell Committee

It is noted that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death, and SOBELL was sentenced to serve thirty years in prison. The ROSENBERGs were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

B. General Activities

[REDACTED]

On 5/21/56 [REDACTED] advised that on 5/19/56 he had attended a social affair [REDACTED] given by the Morton Sobell Committee to raise money for SOBELL's legal appeals and to make possible the distribution of facts in

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his case to the public. He stated there were about seventeen people present. At this meeting JULIA SAMUELS made opening remarks and introduced HAROLD ROUND. HAROLD ROUND said that SOBELL has been accused and is now serving thirty years in Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States for Russia, but up to this date SOBELL still claims his innocence. ROUND stated that he denies even having at any time conspired to commit espionage against the United States. ROUND said the FBI tied in SOBELL with the JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG case as conspirators. He said the FBI has accused SOBELL and all others and has yet to prove the guilt of SOBELL or the ROSENBERGS. He said the FBI claims that SOBELL was fleeing the country to protect himself from being arrested. He said that SOBELL's using false names traveling in Mexico and inquiring for passage to Europe or other South American countries made it look as though he was trying to flee the country; but SOBELL, like many others who spoke out against the Korean War, could see signs of political intimidation and repression in this country (USA). Also, being a friend to JULIUS ROSENBERG in his younger days is what caused these mistakes to be made by SOBELL; but after SOBELL saw his mistake he and his family were getting ready to return to the United States. Then the Secret Service Mexican Police and the FBI had him arrested.

ROUND said his reason for pointing out some of the facts in the Sobell Case is to show how the U. S. Government and the FBI are attacking the liberties of the American people. ROUND said that the Sobell Committee in New York wanted to know just why the Sobell Committee in Baltimore did not push the drive for contributions, and we told them until we could give the people something for their money we would have to wait. ROUND then asked that the members contribute toward SOBELL's legal appeals. During this meeting there was a showing of the films "How Green Was My Valley" and "The Lawless".

On 10/28/52 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that JULIA SAMUELS was known to him to be a CP member as of that date. b7D

[redacted] advised on June 25, 1952 that HAROLD ROUND was formerly a member of District 4, CP, USA, during 1949. b7D

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On 5/26/56 [redacted] advised that he had attended an affair on 5/19/56 given by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell [redacted]. He advised that there were about twenty persons present and that two movies were shown - "The Lawless", which showed how easily a mob can be led without knowing the truth; and "How Green Was My Valley", which showed a struggle of the Welsh coal miners in the early days. [redacted] advised that HAROLD ROUND spoke at this meeting and that ROUND reviewed the case of MORTON SOBELL and how he was kidnapped from Mexico and brought back to the States by "Gestapo" methods and put in a jail as any other common criminal, and was given thirty years on a frameup because he knew and grew up with JULIUS ROSENBERG and his wife. b7D

II. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED

[redacted] advised on 5/17/56 that he had received an invitation to attend a meeting of the Baltimore Sobell Committee to be held on 5/19/56 [redacted]. b7D

[redacted] advised on 5/16/56 that he had received a leaflet issued by the Baltimore Sobell Committee, inviting the recipient to a meeting where films and important news about the Sobell Case were to be presented. The affair was to be held 5/19/56 [redacted]. b7D

On 5/21/56 [redacted] furnished a copy of an invitation to a film showing and to hear important news about the Sobell Case, to be held on Saturday, 5/19/56, [redacted]. b7D

On 5/21/56 [redacted] advised that during the Baltimore Sobell Committee meeting on 5/19/56 HAROLD ROUND asked that those in attendance buy a booklet entitled "Prisoner on Our Conscience, The Story of Morton Sobell" by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. He also asked that those in attendance buy a printed transcript of the hearing in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, #C134-235, entitled "United States of America vs. Morton Sobell, Defendant", printed by the CSJ. b7D

[redacted] advised on 6/4/56 that he had received in the mail a mimeographed letter headed Baltimore Sobell Committee, P.O. Box 7043, Baltimore, Maryland. This letter was dated 5/29/56 and bore a signature JULIA SAMUELS written and typed over the caption "Chairman". The letter stated that the past few months have b7D

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brought some encouraging developments in the case of MORTON SOBELL, who is now a prisoner in Alcatraz. One of these developments is the now-famous letter written by Lord BERTRAND RUSSELL to the "Manchester Guardian", an influential British newspaper. The letter went on - "Lord RUSSELL's letter initiated a debate of international proportions. We have enclosed a reprint of Lord RUSSELL's letter, some of the reaction - both pro and con - and his reply. We feel this will be of great interest to all." The enclosed leaflet was headed "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of Morton Sobell", and contained supposed reproduction of two letters written by RUSSELL to the "Manchester Guardian", castigating the FBI for its part in the Morton Sobell Case. On this leaflet is the information that more copies can be secured from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City. In addition to RUSSELL's criticism of the Sobell Case, there is a reproduction of what purports to be letters to the Editor by three individuals critical of RUSSELL's letter; and in addition there is also contained in the leaflet what is purported to be two other letters written by English people to the Editor, in support of RUSSELL's criticism.

[redacted] advised on 6/7/56 that he had received in the mail a similar mimeographed letter and leaflet as formerly described. 870

On 6/5/56 [redacted] furnished a letter from the Baltimore Sobell Committee and the leaflet formerly described. 870

[redacted] furnished on 6/7/56 a similar letter and leaflet received by him in the mail. 870

On 6/7/56 [redacted] furnished the following material purchased at the meeting of the Baltimore Sobell Committee on 5/19/56: 870

- 1) A leaflet entitled "The Catholic Worker" dated March, 1956, captioned "Our Troubled Conscience". (Reprint by CSJ)
- 2) Pamphlet titled "Prisoner on Our Conscience", by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. (Published by CSJ)
- 3) Petition in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on Behalf of Morton Sobell, #C134-235. (Printed by CSJ)

- "2. Write to the U.S. Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL, Justice Dept., Washington, D.C., asking him to consent to MORTON SOBELL's motion for a new trial.
- "3. Contribute as generously as you can toward MORTON SOBELL's legal appeals and to make possible the distribution of the facts in his case to the public. Send contributions to Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City, N.Y."

V. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. Connections of The Organization With The Communist Party

On May 19, 1956, [redacted] advised that after the ROSENBERGS were electrocuted, this organization changed its name to Baltimore Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in 1953 in order to continue its efforts in proclaiming the innocence of MORTON SOBELL. [redacted] stated that since 1953, this organization continued to receive the support of individual Communist Party members in Baltimore. [redacted] advised this organization is currently using the name Baltimore Sobell Committee. b7D

The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]

On October 28, 1952, [redacted] advised that VIVIAN BARAD was known to him at that time as a CP member. b7D
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[redacted]

On 5/5/56 [redacted] advised that ABRAHAM KOTELCHUCK was a CP member in Baltimore at that time. b7D

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B. Implementation of the CP Line

Set forth below is a comparison of the CP line concerning the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, as reflected in the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", with statements contained in literature distributed by instant organization. The source of this literature has previously been set forth.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication and "The Worker" is an East Coast Communist Sunday publication.

CP Line

"The tragic events of June 19, 1953 will ever remain a poignant, bitter memory for many Americans. On that day JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, a young American couple of immense courage and honesty, parents of two young children, were put to death by conscience-less Department of Justice. Those who defended the ROSENBERGs are now asking the freedom of MORTON SOBELL, sentenced to thirty years as their co-conspirator".

Editorial"Daily Worker"June 19, 1956, p. 5

"A motion in behalf of MORTON SOBELL based on a petition and exhibits which set forth 'the prosecution's knowing use of perjured evidence and its suppression of the facts', was filed in United States Federal Court....The motion asks that a hearing be held to determine the facts and the laws; and that either the sentence be set aside and SOBELL freed, or that a new trial be granted.

"By the wilful and intentional use of perjurious testimony by the prosecution, SOBELL was denied a fair trial, and wrongfully incarcerated in Alcatraz on a thirty-year sentence, said the petition...."

"The Worker"May 13, 1956, p. 4Organizational Line

"He (MORTON SOBELL) says that the one witness who testified against him was a perjurer. The witness admitted this in court. SOBELL said that evidence was suppressed, that courts were misled, that his attempts to appeal his conviction were obstructed."

"We do not like to see justice tampered with. We do not like to think that prosecutors may for their own gain gamble with some humble person's life and liberty."

"Prisoner on Our Conscience,
The Story of Morton Sobell",
by Emily and David Alman, p. 5

"Then there is the business of MORTON SOBELL, who was tried with the ROSENBERGs despite the fact that there was no connection shown between what he was charged with and the disclosure of atomic information. In other words, he was a separate case. But the Government was in such haste for convictions (and particularly Judge KAUFMAN was in such haste for convictions) that they would not go to the trouble of granting MORTON SOBELL what was his right - a separate trial. The evidence against him rests solely on the testimony of a perjurer. It is curious how people in our day are very prone

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"to believe perjurers and people who confess that most of their life they have lied about things, if only they are anti-Communist."

A Reprint of The Catholic Worker, March, 1956, captioned "Our Troubled Conscience", book review of the judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG by JOHN WEXLEY, reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

During August and September, 1956 Confidential Informants who are familiar with the activities of this organization were contacted and they advised that they could furnish no information in addition to that set forth in this report.

On 10/22/56 [redacted] advised that P. O. Box 7043, Baltimore 16, Md., was used by the Baltimore Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case; that the box was rented by PHILIP BOYER; and that the use of this box has been discontinued since March, 1956. 870

On 7/24/51 [redacted] stated that PHIL BOYER was a CP member at Baltimore at that time. 870

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Copies of this report have been designated for G-2, Ft. George G. Meade, Md.; ONI, Baltimore, Md.; OSI, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C., inasmuch as these agencies have interest in this organization.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols, and they have been used only when found necessary.

<u>Identity of Informant</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>Location</u>
3-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
870	[REDACTED]	DONALD L. MILLER	Instant report
4-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

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ROBERT C. NORTON
Instant report

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WALLACE M. POLLARD
Instant report

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[REDACTED]	9/4/56	JESSE C. PARKER	Instant report
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
T-7 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
T-8 [REDACTED] b7D (By request)	[REDACTED]	PETER A. PASTILONG	Instant report

BA 100-221

The following additional informants contacted on dates set out by agents set forth concerning current existence of committee:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
[REDACTED]	8/29/56	THEODORE M. MALINOWSKI	Instant report
[REDACTED]	8/30/56	" "	" "
[REDACTED]	8/30/56	" "	" "
[REDACTED]	9/13/56	DONALD L. MILLER	" "
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[REDACTED]	9/4/56	ROBERT C. NORTON	" "
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[REDACTED]	9/10/56	" " "	" "
[REDACTED]	9/5/56	WALLACE M. POLLARD	" 620

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THE BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Baltimore will continue to follow and report activities of instant organization.

REFERENCE: Baltimore letter to Director dated 2/23/56.

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SERIAL 2217 DATE 11-2-56

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The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC), aka. National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Sobell Committee, maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mail box servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee".

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

EDWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American", advised in January, 1952 that the NCSJRC (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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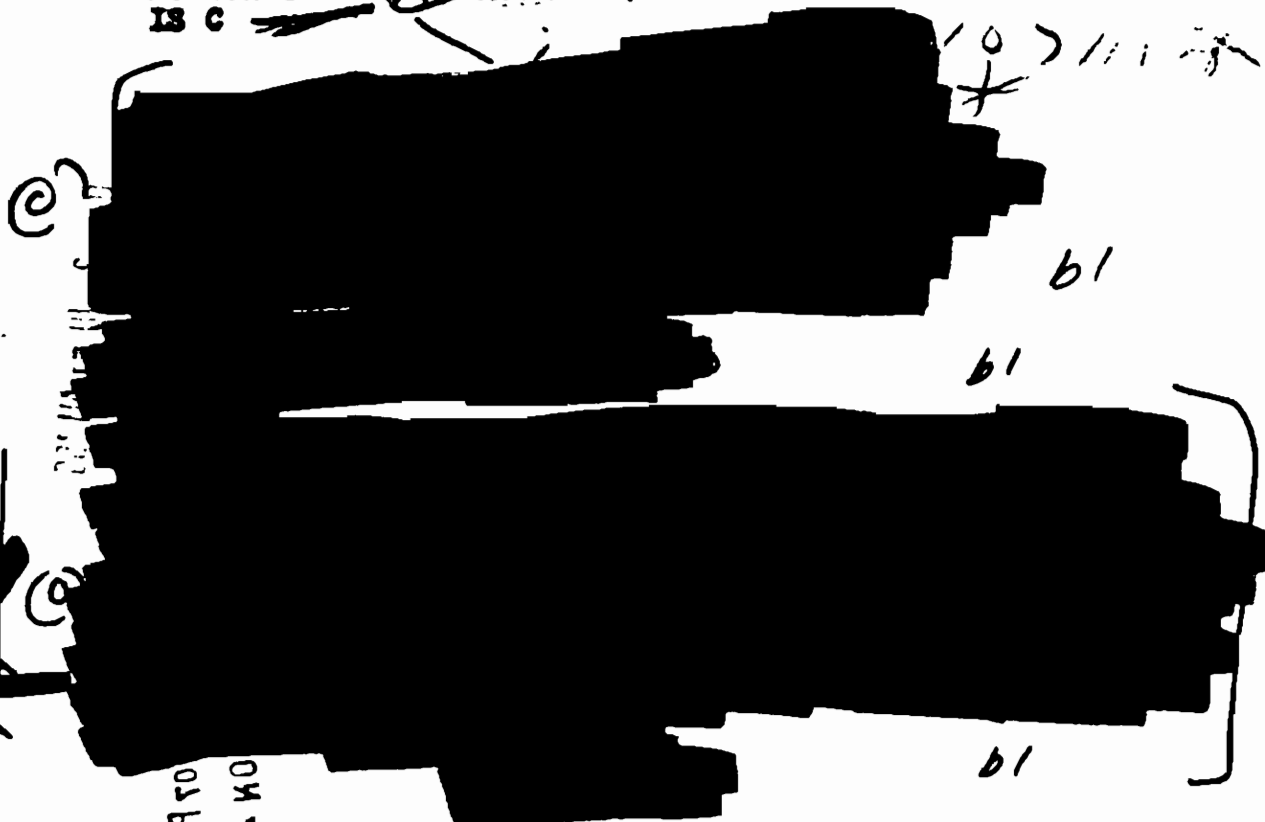
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE

For the information of the interested offices, HAVEN PERKINS is the organizer for the State of Missouri for the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL and is the leading functionary for the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case.



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According to the informant, an effort will be made to secure a speaker from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York, for this 11/24/56 meeting.

Newark has arranged for coverage of this meeting.

BERNARD C. BROWN

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: November 13, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-16408)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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OO: New York

On October 31, 1956 [redacted] (protect identity), who has furnished reliable information in the past, made the following items available to SA EDWARD H. GALL. Original information appears in New Haven file [redacted] **670**

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see file 10730
1. Leaflet entitled "Keep the Presses Rolling with the Facts in the Sobell Case" published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York.
 2. One pamphlet entitled "Morton Sobell, a Prisoner On Our Conscience, a Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell" and dated November, 1956, published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The above items are being forwarded to the New York Division, which is the office of origin in this case.

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On 5-15, 16-56 BELLARMINO J. DURAN, in testimony before the HCUA, stated that he had been a member of the CP from 1948 to 1954 on behest of the FBI, and DURAN testified that SHIRLEY BRAMHALL was a member of the CP during that period.

PERKINS' meetings will be covered by informants.

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- 3 - Bureau (REG, AM)
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SDSD organized 4/8/56 at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for HORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. HELEN SOBELL is wife of HORTON SOBELL.

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NEWARK (100-36202)

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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Re: Newark Cinal dated 11/13/56 advising that
a group in Elizabeth, N.J., was launching a serious
effort to revive interest in the MORTON SOBELL case.

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efforts were to be made to obtain a speaker from New
York representing the National Committee to Secure Justice
For MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case. 870

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported to
SA HERBERT L. BLOM on 11/16/56 that the speaker from the
SOBELL Committee in New York is to be YURI SUHL, who will
speak on the subject "The Prisoner on Your Conscience--MORTON
SOBELL". 870

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- 3 - Director, FBI (100-387835) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (100-107111) (RM)
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REGISTERED MAIL

To : Director, FBI
From: SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA ROBERT E. KENT on 11/22/56 mail received from captioned organization at 940 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Mail consisted of two items:

1. A letter bearing the mimeographed signature of EMILY ALMAN. Letter states that 500,000 copies of a newspaper on MORTON SOBELL will be distributed throughout the country in the coming weeks. It states that new evidence re SOBELL case is being brought before Appeals Court and asked for financial assistance to pay for SOBELL's legal fight.

2. Four-page newspaper, entitled "MORTON SOBELL Prisoner on Our Conscience." Newspaper contains in general opinions by various persons casting doubt upon SOBELL's guilt. Last page of newspaper urges letters to President EISENHOWER asking pardon or commutation for SOBELL; also letters to Director of Prisons requesting SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz. Last page also lists following SOBELL committees:

National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York (ENCLS. - 2) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - St. Louis (RM)
- 1 - Albany (RM)
- 3 - Philadelphia (1 - 100-37667)

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Los Angeles Sobell Committee
468 North Western Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees
1417 Valencia
San Francisco, Calif.

Chicago Sobell Committee
20 West Jackson
Chicago, Ill.

Syracuse Sobell Committee
1009 Cumberland Avenue
Syracuse, N. Y.

St. Louis Sobell Committee
3715 Lasalle Street
St. Louis, Mo.

Letter and newspaper being transmitted herewith
to New York Office.

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NEWARK (100-36202)
 DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on 11/29/56 to SA EUGENE C. JONES that there is to be a reception for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, on the evening of 12/1/56 in Toms River, N.J. 070

The Informant was not in a position to furnish information indicating the sponsorship of Mrs. SOBELL's appearance.

It is noted that in the recent past Newark has submitted Cinals under the above caption indicating that a group in Union County, N.J., were attempting to revive interest in the case of MORTON SOBELL and that a meeting had been held [redacted]

[redacted] at which YURI SMIL spoke on the subject "The Prisoner on Your Conscience--MORTON SOBELL". 070

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- 3 - Director, FBI (100-387835) (RM)
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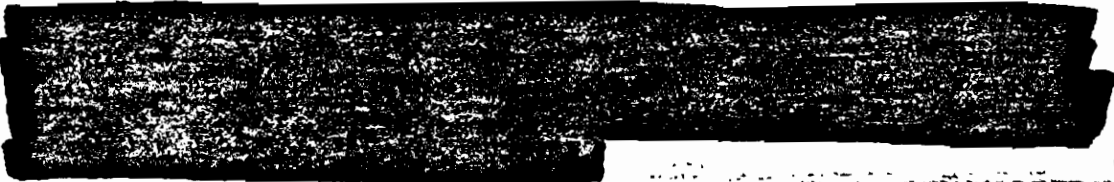
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JEWISH ARTS CLUB

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 7, 1955, that a mimeographed letter dated May 28, 1955, from the Jewish Arts Committee, no address given, announced the formation of the Jewish Arts Club for the purpose of promoting a "program of lectures, concerts, and other cultural activities" that would "best express the tradition of the Jewish people and enrich their lives, and the lives of all peoples." (PG-100-S; 100-12811-1A2)

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 10, 1955, that on June 6, 1955, the Jewish Arts Club sponsored a lecture at the Webster Hall Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that most of the twenty-six individuals in attendance were known to the source as members of District 5, Communist Party. This source added that ESTHER ROTH acted as chairman and NATHAN ALBERT collected the entrance fees at this lecture. (PG-101-S; 134-7A-476)

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It is noted that the Communist Party-USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The unidentified man paged at the Webster Hall Hotel, 4415 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the evening of 5/21/56 as IRWIN or IRVING SCHNEIDER (ph.), as mentioned in remyairtel, was identified by SAS JAMES E. FARMER, JOSEPH R. MARSZALEK, and JOHN R. MITCHELL on 11/9/56 as being identical with the individual in subject's photograph.

It is to be noted that at 10:55 PM on 5/21/56, SA MARSZALEK observed the subject leaving the hotel elevator in the center of a group of individuals who had attended a meeting of the Jewish Arts Club (JAC) which had been held earlier in the evening (from about 8:00 PM to about 10:55 PM) in Room 272, Webster Hall Hotel. SA MARSZALEK believed that the subject was definitely a member of this group judging from the animated conversation carried on by them. The subject and this group walked out of the hotel down 5th Avenue to a parked car and drove off. SAS FARMER and MITCHELL had observed the subject in the hotel lobby earlier in the evening. It is to be noted that the subject was not actually placed at the JAC meeting. The foregoing information is filed in 100-12811-1A(7).

The thumbnail for the JAC is enclosed as an attachment to this letter.



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On 8/20/56 at 1:08 PM, SA JOHN E. MC CURRY observed NATHAN ALBERT enter the Webster Hall Hotel and meet with the subject in the lobby. The subject, carrying a khaki "B-4" bag, left the hotel with ALBERT and together they entered the latter's automobile and drove to 2nd Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh. At 1:25 PM, the subject left the automobile and entered the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Building (occupied by the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper), Grant Street and Boulevard of the Allies. Until the subject emerged from said building at 2:32 PM, ALBERT waited in the automobile most of the time. Subject rejoined ALBERT in latter's automobile and they proceeded to Grant Street where the subject departed the automobile and at 2:37 PM entered the Council of Churches Building, 220 Grant Street. ALBERT, after dropping off the subject, returned to 2nd Avenue to wait for the subject.

At 3:10 PM, SA ROBERT G. ABEGLLEN observed the subject talking with an unidentified man (later identified as Rev. OWEN M. WALTON) in the offices occupied by the Council of Churches of the Pittsburgh area.

At 3:40 PM, SAS MC CURRY and ABEGLLEN observed the subject leave the Council of Churches Building and rejoin ALBERT in the latter's automobile. They proceeded in the automobile to the corner of 4th Avenue and Ross Street, where the subject left the automobile.

SA ABEGLLEN observed the subject at 3:57 PM, enter the Jones Law Annex Building, 311 Ross Street, proceed to the second floor, and enter Room 210-11, which is occupied by the Saniel-Elkind Agency, an insurance and real estate company operated by S. SANIEL and WILLIAM ELKIND. The subject was overheard to speak briefly with an unobserved person in a familiar fashion for only a couple of minutes before departing.

At 4:02 PM, SAS MC CURRY and ABEGLLEN observed the subject leave the Jones Law Annex Building and rejoin ALBERT. They proceeded after a brief delay to Avondale Place, East

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Liberty Section, Pittsburgh. At 4:50 PM, ALBERT and the subject, carrying his baggage, left the automobile and entered 5434 Avondale Place. At 5:00 PM, the subject and ALBERT were observed sitting on the front porch, said address, conversing. The fisur log for above activity is filed in PG 100-9925 Sub A-782.

On 8/21/56 at 9:56 AM, SAS MC CURRY and JOHN H. MURPHY observed the subject leave 5434 Avondale Place and walk to a bus stop at the corner of Stanton Street and North Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh. At 10:03 AM he boarded an inbound Highland bus. He left the bus at Grant Street near Oliver Street and entered the William Penn Hotel, where he was lost in the crowd at the hotel. This fisur log is filed in PG 100-9925 Sub A-783.

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advised SA MC CURRY that registration card #A-9847 indicated that AARON V. SCHNEIDER, Box 589, RD#1, Lakewood, N.J., checked into Room 844 at 11:13 PM on 8/19/56 and that he checked out at 12:57 PM, 8/20/56. Mrs. HELLER further advised that the hotel records failed to indicate that SCHNEIDER made any telephone calls from his hotel while a guest.

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[REDACTED] further advised that he would never voluntarily furnish any (CP) literature to the FBI for its use or would he consent to appear as a government witness before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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[REDACTED] was questioned about his stand in this regard, he stated that he did not want to "hurt anyone." [REDACTED] further advised that he did consider the CP-USA a threat to the internal security of the U.S.

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A copy of this letter is furnished the New York Office for information since it appears that the subject was in Pittsburgh to contact various individuals in behalf of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

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SA ALBERT N. CARLELON

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[REDACTED] a current informant, made available to SA ALBERT N. CARLELON on 11/20/56, a copy of a self styled "Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of MORTON SOBELL". This publication is headed "MORTON SOBELL - Prisoner on our Conscience." It reflects the date November, 1956 and states that it is published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. **b7D**

³ This publication lists various committees throughout the country including the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone Hollywood 4-4725. This publication states that additional copies of it may be obtained from the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City. The publication lists the address of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL as 940 Broadway, New York City.

This publication is being filed at 100-41648-1A.

It is being assumed that the New York Office has already obtained copies of this document.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

cc: 1 - New York (REGISTERED)
(100-10711 SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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[REDACTED] reported to SA MARION M. WRIGHT on 12/5/56 that EMILY ALMAN, Room D, 840 Broadway, New York City, had sent a letter [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicating that there is now available a filmstrip on the MORTON SOBELL case which may be obtained with narration script. It was also indicated that a representative of the MORTON SOBELL Committee could be obtained to show and narrate the film story.

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The recipient of the letter was urged to consider organizing a house party at which the filmstrip on the SOBELL case might be exhibited as a means of raising funds needed to meet legal fees in connection with the SOBELL case.

Enclosed with the letter, according to the source, was a newspaper issued by the "SOBELL Committee" reporting the "latest developments" in the case.

The source was not in a position to make the letter and newspaper available to Agent WRIGHT.

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BERNARD C. BROWN

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